

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of December 31, 2007.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

The Office Action

The sole base claim remaining in the application has been amended to add the limitation of the step of changing the appearance of the control element to indicate the changeover to the second status condition of the active control element condition. Support for this feature is found in the specification at page 5, lines 25-28.

The Examiner has rejected applicant's claims as anticipated by the newly cited reference to Gorbet ('163).

Applicant's amended base claim 1 now recites that upon completion of the selected automatic procedure the appearance of the control element is changed to indicate changed status. This feature is neither taught nor suggested by the Gorbet '163 reference.

The Examiner has also rejected applicant's claim 6 as obvious over a proposed combination of the teachings of Gorbet in view of Wantuck '019. The Wantuck et al. reference is noted as teaching providing user with an indication as to why the selected feature was precluded. The Examiner's proposed combination of Wantuck, Jr. et al. and those of Gorbet, a proposition which is denied, even if performed would still fail to provide the teachings which would anticipate or render obvious the functions now recited in applicant's amended claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that in view of the amendments made herein, and for the reasons set forth above, the Examiner's rejection is overcome and the amended claims now recite patentable subject matter. Therefore it is requested that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn and the amended claims be made the subject of a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all remaining claims (Claims 1 and 3-11) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.


- ☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

| (1) FOR | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | (3) NUMBER EXTRA |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 10 | - 20 = | 0 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 1 | - 3 = | 0 |

- ☒ The appropriate fee for the required Two (2) Month Extension of Time is being charged to a credit card via EFS Web.
- ☒ This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Roger A. Johnston, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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